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SUBJECT: UNDP - 18TH GOVERNING COUNCIL - ITEM 4A

BUDGETARY AND FINANCE COMMITTEE

1. THE BUDGETARY AND FINANCE COMMITTEE CONCLUDED DISCUSSION ON JULY 6 OF AGENDA ITEM 4A ON FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES DURING 1973 AND AUDIT REPORTS FOR 1972.

2. ADMINISTRATOR PETERSON OPENED MEETING WITH STATEMENT STRESSING READINESS OF UNDP TO HELP IN EMERGENCY PROGRAM ESTABLISHED BY 6TH SPECIAL SESSION OF GENERAL ASSEMBLY. HE ALSO WAS OPTIMISTIC ON EXPECTED CONTRIBUTIONS FROM OIL-PRODUCING COUNTRIES, STATING HE EXPECTED UNDP TO REACH \$500 MILLION GOAL SOONER THAN ANTICIPATED.

3. CHCRMAN SUMMARIZED CONSENSUS OF ONE-DAY DEBATE AS AGREEMENT ON FOLLOWING: (A) THE UNSPECT \$2.2 MILLION OF PROGRAM RESERVE IN 1973 SHOULD BE ADDED TO 1974 ALLOCATION MAKING TOTAL OF \$11.2 MILLION. ANOTHER CARRY FORWARD AT END OF 1974 WOULD NOT BE AUTOMATIC, BUT MOST SPEAKERS SUPPORTED IT. (B) MAKING OF PLANS FOR DISPOSING OF ESTIMATED PLANNING SURPLUS OF ABOUT \$69 MILLION AT END OF FIRST CYCLE IN 1976 SHOULD BE POST-UNCLASSIFIED

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PONED UNTIL 1975 AS RECOMMENDED BY ADMINISTRATOR. (C) APPROVAL

OF ADMINISTRATOR'S SUGGESTION HE CONTINUE TO VALUE 1974 PLEDGES AT \$363 MILLION DESPITE CURRENCY FLUCTUATIONS.

4. US DELEGATE WAS ALMOST ALONE IN OPPOSING THE CARRY FORWARD OF UNUSED BALANCE OF PROGRAM RESERVE WITHOUT EXPLICIT DECISION BY COUNCIL REGARDING USE OF ADDITIONAL FUNDS. SEVERAL DELEGATIONS OPPOSED CARRY FORWARD FOR MORE THAN ONE YEAR. SWEDEN SUGGESTED EXTRA MONIES IN PROGRAM Rserve MIGHT BE USED FOR LIBERATION MOVEMENTS, BUT ONLY USSR PICKED UP IDEA. INSTEAD, MOST SUPPORTERS OF CARRY FORWARD DECRIED SMALL EXPENDITURE ON DROUGHT EMERGENCY IN AFRICA AND PRESSED FOR GREATER USE OF PROGRAM RESERVE THERE.

5. SEVERAL DELEGATIONS CALLED FOR FULL-SCALE DEBATE AT NEXT GOVERNING COUNCIL ON SIZE OF OPERATIONAL RESERVE SUGGESTING IT WAS NOT LARGE ENOUGH AND UNCONVERTIBLE CURRENCIES SHOULD NOT BE INCLUDED.

6. US DELEGATE AND FEW OTHERS CALLED ATTENTION TO UNPAID PLEDGES. YUGOSLAVIA, BRAZIL, BULGARIA ALL CLAIMED RECORD WAS INCORRECT OR THEY WOULD CHECK ON DELINQUENCIES IMMEDIATELY.

7. ASSISTANT ADMINISTRATOR OLVER SAID AUDIT REPORT OF \$5 MILLION ADVANCE TO UNESCO WHICH WAS USED BY AGENCY FOR REGULAR PROGRAM WAS LARGELY AN ACCOUNTING ERROR DUE TO PROBLEM OF COMPUTER CHANGEOVER. SEVERAL DELEGATES WERE SKEPTICAL.
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